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MIAMI.

A THRILLING STORY OF EARLY SETTLEMENT.

A run over the Brandon-Morris branch of the Northern Pacific of one hundred and five miles lands one of the fast rising towns of Miami. The busy little place can only count fifteen months since the first house was built on its site and yet it can now boast of a population of upwards of one hundred and fifty souls. One is painfully reminded of its recent birth by the stabling of your toes against the stumps of the brushwood that had to be cleared off before a house could be built. Worse still, if the newly arrived should venture out after nightfall he is sure to come in contact with a log or a stump of a tree of considerable dimensions. Miami is without doubt one of the most pleasantly situated towns that we have yet visited in the province. It lies at the foot of the south-eastern slope of the Pembina mountain, which rises to the north-west with its densely wooded sides and summit to a height of about fifteen hundred feet above the level of the sea. The travelling from this city, particularly if he has heard or read of the fine farming country of this district, is apt to ask himself as he passes through miles and miles of timbered land "What is there to build or keep up a town in this vicinity?" The reply to the question can only be obtained when you take a rig from Miami and take a drive to the south, east, north-east or west. In any of these directions you will see some of the best farms in the province. There are settlers still on their original homesteads who settled in here fourteen or twenty years ago. This brings us to the relation of one of the most

THRILLING STORIES.

in the history of the early settlement of Manitoba that we have ever heard of. One of the readings of which causes one to shudder even now that sixteen years have elapsed since the dreadful tragedy took place. In 1873 Mr. William Thompson who owns a farm adjoining the new town of Miami settled thereon. Within a distance of a mile from him there settled in the same year Mr. Richard Stevenson and two stalwart sons. Mr. Thompson returned to Ontario in the fall of the same year little imagining the dreadful fate that awaited his neighbors before his return in the spring. In April 1874 while Mr. Stevenson and his sons were asleep one night their shanty took fire and the two young men were burned to a crisp. The old gentleman in trying to save himself and then his hands, arms and other parts of his body frightfully burned. His nearest neighbor Mr. Campbell, of the Boyne settlement, was nine miles away. The poor man latched up his gun and drove that distance in a cold night without clothing and horrible to relate with the burned flesh of his hand continually being torn off piece by piece by his latching on to the lines. He was taken out to Winnipeg but the best medical aid procurable at that time could not save his life.

Shortly after this sad event, settlers began to arrive more thickly. Amongst the earliest of these were Mr. Wm. Kennedy and his family, two of the sons being well known citizens of Brandon. Mr. Anthony Wilson who has lately put up a large building in Miami the lower part of which is used by him as a furniture establishment, the upper part being fitted up for a large hall and offices. The family were and many others some of whom are now in business of various kinds in the new town.

SHIPPERS.

We were much disappointed on visiting the agent of the Northern Pacific, Mr. W. F. Schooley, on being told by that gentleman that so far this season there were but 20 cars, or 24,000 bushels of wheat shipped. This he assured us, and his statement was corroborated by many others, was in consequence of the failure of crops owing to drought this year. He kindly referred back to his books of 1889 and showed us that 150 cars had been shipped in that year although the road had only been open part of the season. The many old settlers with whom we conversed, all agreed that this was the first failure in the wheat crop that they had ever experienced.

Apart from the wheat shipments the settlers and townfolk do a large business in the coal trade. A good sized popular coal house is bought for \$1.50 a cord, while a first class quantity of oak can be had at \$2.75. So far the shipments of wood from this station have principally been made to Winnipeg but a number of the business men informed us that they would be only too glad to open up a trade with this city. The railway charge from Miami to Brandon is about \$1.50 a cord on popular and about \$2 a cord for oak. There surely ought to be a good margin here for some enterprising dealer. In connection with the shipping of wheat Martin, Mitchell & Co. have an elevator of 20,000 bushels capacity at this point. Mr. A. C. Kerr, our city clerk he is remembered is the manager. There is a very convenient way for unloading the grain in this building which might well be copied by all other companies in the province. In a lean to building is situated the receiving hopper. The team and wagon is driven over this on to the weigh scales. The weight being taken the seller has no lifting of the bags, he merely unties them and pours the grain from the hand out of the wagon into the hopper. The weight of the wagon &c., is soon taken, a door thrown open and the team driven out to give place to the next in the line waiting to enter the building.

Messrs. Collins & Munro have a very fine general store in which is also situated the postoffice. Their stock of goods is much above the average of that found in stores situated in towns of the size of Miami. These gentlemen were the first

to commence business and say that they are well satisfied with the success that has attended their venture.

Messrs. Meikle & Coppenger have also a large stock of the different kinds of goods usually to be found in a general store. Both proprietors being away at the time of our visit we cannot give their opinion as to their success in business. Mr. B. C. Bundy, formerly of Winnipeg has a very good assortment of leather goods, consisting of boots, shoes, harness, and valises. He, like others of the business men, has great faith in the future of Miami.

Mr. Anthony Wilson, one of the early settlers, has one of the best stores in the town. At present he is confining himself to furniture and undertaking, but intends adding at an early day a stock of stationery and jewelry. The upper part of the building, as before mentioned, is being fitted up as a hall. The Orangemen, the A. O. U. W., the C. O. O. F. and members of the Church of England being each anxious to become tenants thereof.

Messrs. McGiffin and Campbell have a very large stock of hardware and tinware the latter of which is manufactured on the premises. If anything were needed to convince one of the stability of the town it would be found in the business done by these gentlemen. Their stock of goods would be no discredit to one in their line of business in a much older and larger town.

Miami is ahead of the other towns we have so far written up, in its having a banking establishment. This necessary institution in a business community is carried on by Messrs. Chris. Collins & Co. who in connection with the banking business proper combine those of insurance and real estate dealings.

The Durant Bros. have a good sized blacksmith shop containing two fires and report business as brisk with them. In connection with their business Mr. T. T. Whitley carries on the carriage woodwork business and at his establishment one sees a number of cutters and slight manufacturers by the firm. Mr. Jas. Dickson is also into the blacksmithing business on another street of the town and he also reports doing fairly well in this line.

Mr. Jas. Fraser is seemingly kept busy supplying to the material wants of the body as far as the hatching business is concerned.

As might be expected in a good farming, old settled neighborhood the implement agents are to the front in considerable force. The following companies have built warehouses and keep agents in the town: The Massey, Frost & Wood, Patterson Bros. and Higgs, Sons & Co.

There are two lumber yards one of them owned by McMillan & Lane, the other by Mr. And. Lawrence.

Messrs. Sedley & Towke have a very large convenient and comfortable stable which is well patronized by the farmers doing business in the town. Their stock of dry horses and mares are well patronized by the many commercial men who visit the town.

The health and well being of the citizen of Miami are well looked after by Dr. J. McPhillips a graduate of Manitoba Medical College. The doctor is a brother of one of the firm of McPhillips, Bros. of Winnipeg and seems to have gained the confidence of the people by his kind and genial manners.

The business men of Miami would not be complete if we omitted the name of Mr. Sam. Cowan "mine host of the Grand View Hotel." Mr. Cowan seems just cut out for the business. He is kind and attentive to his guests and his house is one of the best appointed outside the larger cities. The building is new and contains a large dining hall, commercial room, reading room, billiard parlor, twenty bedrooms and a bathroom. The table is supplied with the best in the market and one is taken by surprise to find such accommodation in a country town.

The Methodist and Presbyterian bodies were early in the field and have each built very nice and convenient places of worship. The former is presided over by the Rev. Mr. Van Norman, the pulpit of the latter is supplied by students from Winnipeg. The Church of England people have organized a congregation and have secured as their pastor the Rev. Mr. Robinson. Many of this denomination are sanguine that they will be able to build a church next season, in the meantime they will hold service in Wilson's hall.

The citizens are yet without a school house but one is to be commenced as soon as the weather will put in the spring. Last, but not least by any means are:

THE PRINCIPAL FACTORIES.
The neighborhood. For years the Boyne settlement and that of Tolosaco Creek have been impressed upon our minds as amongst the most prosperous in the province and a visit to some of the farmers has only convinced us that the statement was correct. Amongst others we may mention the names of Wm. Thompson, seventeen years since he set out for the business. He is kind and attentive to his guests and his house is one of the best appointed outside the larger cities. The building is new and contains a large dining hall, commercial room, reading room, billiard parlor, twenty bedrooms and a bathroom. The table is supplied with the best in the market and one is taken by surprise to find such accommodation in a country town.

A CLERGYMAN COMMITTED.

Toronto, Dec. 16. Rev. J. H. Barwell, who was charged with keeping back a part of a \$330 of Mrs. Hooper which he got discounted for her, was committed for trial to-day.

GRENFELL.

The annual meeting of the local branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held on Tuesday evening last when a report of the Society's operations for the past year was given by the Rev. J. M. Harrison, the Society's agent. The sales of Bibles in this place for the year amounted to \$250.00. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., R. S. Garrett; Sec. Treas., H. Malkin; Collectors, Mrs. Leggett and Copeland, together with a committee of four.

Another loss by fire took place on Tuesday when the residence of Mr. A. Chisholm was destroyed. The family were at dinner when a noise of something falling accompanied by a roaring was heard upstairs, on going to look what the cause was the bed-room was found to be on fire. Efforts were at once made to check the progress of the flames but these were unavailing, and the building with all its contents became a total wreck. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. Chisholm, who being a man up in years the loss falls heavily. Efforts are being made to give practical expression to the sympathy felt.

The Rev. J. W. Dickinson exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Mr. Martin of Walsely on Sunday week.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of the wife of Mr. Gil. Faulkner. For some little time past she has suffered most severely, but with patient resignation, and her end was peace. She was interred on Friday last when a large company of sympathizing friends assembled to pay their last respects to the memory of the departed.

A SINGER'S ROYAL GUEST.

HOW MADAME ALBANI ENTERTAINS QUEEN VICTORIA AT AN INFORMAL TEA.

Once every summer Queen Victoria drives over from her Balmoral Castle, to the Scottish Highland home of Madame Albani (Gye, the famous prima donna, where the latter entertains her at an informal tea. For years the Queen has made a practice of this, a compliment which Her Majesty bestows upon no other woman in the kingdom. It is a return for Madame Albani's appearance each year at Court to sing before the Queen, and to the prima donna it affords an exceptional glimpse of England's royal sovereign.

"No outsiders are ever present," says Madame Albani, "and I see Victoria as a woman; never as a queen."

"How do you entertain your royal guest?" was asked of the prima donna by a friend.

And for more than an hour, the great singer held the uninterrupted interest of a private dinner party with the story of how she served a tea for the Queen.

So full of interest was the narrative that Madame Albani was induced to write out the account, and it will shortly appear in the Ladies Home Journal, of Philadelphia, under the title of "Victoria at my Tea Table." Of its freshness of interest the caption of the article is the best indication.

A copy of the last portrait of the Queen Victoria, and printed only for Her Majesty and the royal family, will accompany the article. "It will be my last portrait," wrote the Queen on this presentation copy, which is the only copy possessed outside of the royal household.

LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE.

London, Dec. 20. It has just leaked out that the fleet in the Thames river has received orders from the admiralty to hold themselves in readiness to sail on a moment's notice, and that a similar command for preparation has been given to the Midway reserve. It is rumored that these orders were given in view of the information that the government has received word of a probable outbreak in Ireland. It is said that since the Parnell episode the intensity of feeling against the government in certain parts of Ireland has increased, and that English officials in the disaffected districts have warned the government to prepare to quell an outbreak which is likely to occur at any time. Considerable excitement has prevailed among officials here since the command to the fleet on the Thames became known. The government refuse to confirm or deny the statement that any serious trouble in Ireland is apprehended.

DOUBLE DEATHS.

At the execution of Lamontague, at Sherbrooke, on Friday morning last, the aged sheriff of the county, Mr. Webb, dropped dead just before the prisoner was led to the scaffold. This sad event did not stay the execution, as the condemned man expired his crime in ten minutes after the sheriff's death. Radcliffe, the executioner, used the same rope and the same weight that he did in the hanging of Breckell.

SUCCEEDS FAST ENDED.

The voluntary fast of the Italian Succi ended in New York on Saturday last, the presence of about 400 people. The fast lasted for forty-five days during which time the man was so closely watched that he could not possibly have received any nourishment but what was contained in the water with which he was supplied. He lost forty-two pounds in weight during the forty-five days he did without food. At the conclusion of his enforced fasting, he was supplied with solid food, of which he partook freely and with great zest and strange to say without experiencing any of the inconveniences that one is apt to attach to the partaking of food in large quantities by a starved human being. He now intends to exhibit himself in all the large cities of the United States.

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Our trade this fall has been made larger than we expected and we have had to send repeat orders for to meet the demand. We will therefore have a lot of nice New and Tasty goods to offer to the public for the Holiday Trade. Our Fur trade has been enormous this season. A large consignment of furs expected to arrive Daily.

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NOTICE.

As THE MAIL newspaper and all its belongings pass into the hands of a joint stock company, on the first of the year, it is imperative that all the book accounts, subscriptions, etc., now due, be paid to the present publisher at once. We have waited year in and year out on many to pay up, and now we must have prompt settlements of all due. The crops have been good the past year and prices are fair, so that all who make an effort can readily pay the small amounts due us, and their total with the publisher makes a large amount. We trust this notice is all that will be required, as accounts have been rendered to all in arrears.

C. CLIFFE.

BRANDON MAIL.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1890.

FIRE INSURANCE.

There is no longer any use in questioning the fact that there is a necessity in the public interest for revising the insurance business in Canada. It is fully understood, that, all things considered, insurance companies should have a margin of profit for safety, but few there are who really know the money that companies doing business in Canada are making out of the people. In England, monied men are quite willing to lend on security at 4 per cent., and many of the companies doing business in Canada began operations by borrowing from those people, and the profits they are making are simply enormous. For instance, according to the returns made by companies doing business in Canada, the amount collected in the year 1889, from the people of Canada, was \$5,588,016, and the amount they paid out in losses was \$2,876,211, leaving a profit of \$2,711,805, or nearly 80 per cent. on payments. It may be said it is unfair to select any one year, as the losses and profits vary, and it is only by average a proper estimate can be made. To meet these people we make the average. For the last 21 years the losses of the companies averaged but 70% of their receipts, leaving net profits of 29% per cent., and in that is included the heavy St. John's (N.B.), fire. Deducting that, the profits for that period would be 37 per cent.

In view of this, and especially in the face of the fact companies charge boom rates in Manitoba, or nearly double what they are in the eastern provinces, it is high time the provincial government took some steps to prevent the continuance of the imposition on the people of this province, and to relieve the public.

If there was a general act under which municipalities could do their own insuring, and the people availed themselves of its advantages, they could save themselves the loss of the thousands of dollars they are now needlessly putting into the pockets of English and Canadian insurers.

THAT LIBEL SUIT.

The more any properly balanced mind looks into the history of that libel suit of the Hon. Mr. Martin against the Free Press, the more evidence he must see of the general condemnation of the government by the country, irrespective of political party. Here is the charge that paper made:

Now that the company has absconded from the province and left the government without any recourse, in so far as enforcing other conditions of the contract, Ministers began to realize that their sins are finding them out with a vengeance. They comprehend for the first time that the whole rascally business has been to any one who chooses to look. Even their dull intellects enable them to at last see that they are detected in the rankpest pieces of scoundrelism ever perpetrated in Canada. Not a man connected with it, either of the government or the Northern Pacific company, but would be in the penitentiary to-day if he had his deserts.

The Free Press charged that the government, whose members had long yelled themselves hoarse against "railway monopoly," and declared something should be done to prevent the country from being sent to destruction by that monopoly, when they had the power in their hands to secure "competition" for the country let it slip through their fingers presumable because some members of the government profited financially by the intentional dereliction of duty. It declared the whole contract from its inception a "rascally piece of business" transacted of course by rascals; that the contract was "the rankpest piece of scoundrelism ever perpetrated in Canada" by the rankpest scoundrels, of course; and that of the members of the government who were parties to this contract as well as their following in the House who promoted the contract would be "in the penitentiary to-day if they had their deserts." Mr. Martin made this a government case as to bring the weight of the whole government into the prosecution. By his right to challenge, he selected a jury according to his own wishes, and nine of the twelve, be it remembered, were poli-

ticians of his own stripe. Reformers at least, and they were sworn to do their duty. In the court Mr. Martin and the whole government for that matter, had the right to select their own witnesses, and the ministers, particularly Mr. Martin, who is a lawyer himself, and knows what is and what is not incriminating evidence, was only compelled to give whatever evidence he chose; and in the face of this nine out of the twelve jurors, and eight of that number Grit, declared the Free Press' accusation was not a libel—that in fact, it was only a proper criticism and a just conclusion in the interest of the country and the people. After this, what elector is there in the province who wants further evidence of utter corruption of the government, and their complete unfitness to longer handle the finances of the country?

POLITICS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Ever after this the Grit party need never represent they are opposed to politics in municipal matters. It is on their introduction and use the faithful footing over all other agencies, to retain a footing in the country. They brought out a candidate against Councillor Speers in Cornwall, but the opposition fizzled when he saw he had no show. In Whitehead Mr. Pilling, government official, and Mr. Sifton, M. P. P., the innocent non-partisan of western Manitoba, drove around together in a rig to secure the election of Mr. Loney, a new convert, to the Grit faith, and they succeeded through their joint influence in inducing 22 out of the 78 possible voters to vote for their new found Grit. No attempt was ever made to show Mr. Elliott had ever been derelict in his duty, or that Mr. Loney could improve on the official record of his opponent, but Mr. Loney had voted for Mr. Sifton, the electors should support Mr. Sifton's friend. It was on a par with the Hon. E. Blake's letter about "my friend Moore." Mr. Elliott was not beaten by either Mr. Loney's, Mr. Pilling's or Mr. Sifton's influence but simply because he had no arrangements perfected, as his opponents had to bring out his vote. What we want the electors to remember is that when Mr. Sifton again tells them he is opposed to politics, in municipal elections, they will know what to tell him.

In the contest between Mr. Evans and Dr. McDiarmid in the city, the same political influences were fully in force. A limited few Reformers knowing Mr. Evans' strict attention to duty the past year cast their ballots for him, but the rank and file of the party voted for him, while a number of Conservatives who did not observe the trick, worked for the Doctor. At the close of the poll a local government official was heard to say "Didn't we Grits do it that time." Mr. Evans had pledged to him 146 voters and he got but 105 votes. We are just as confident as we can be the effort on the part of the Grits to elect the Doctor was to run him for Mayor next year and for local number in turn knowing the waning influence of the city's present overgrown boy in the Legislature. It is a fact that "a stitch in time often saves nine," but some people fail to understand it until it is too late.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MAIL.

SIR: I see by your report of minutes of last meeting of the city council that the members of that august body "indulged in a laugh" at my expense, and your readers are led to infer that I had certified to the insanity of some individual who afterwards proved sane. Had those whose mouth was excited taken the trouble to refer to my account they would have found that it was for examining a supposed lunatic, I referred it, that is for certifying to the sanity and thereby effecting the release of a man who had been dragged from a bed of sickness and very unjustly committed to jail as a lunatic. Under the circumstances, I think the city might consider itself very safe in escaping with merely paying the doctors' fees, for I fancy if the person on whom this outrage was perpetrated by a city official, had known enough, the city would have been mulcted in heavy damages for the act. Mistakes will occur, gentlemen, as you see in this case, there being as much cause for your exclamation as the poor, silly imbecile has who laughs without knowing what he is laughing at. However, I trust you will have another hearty laugh and pay the trifling account as you have a right to do. In any case I wish you all a merry Christmas.

Yours truly,
L. M. MORE.

The provincial immigration office at Winnipeg, give the following returns as to the immigration into the province from the 1st of February to the 30th November:

Via Canadian Pacific Railway.	5,910
Via the Great Northern.	767
Via the Northern Pacific.	427

Total. 10,104.

The total number of ex-loads of household effects and stock was 641, of which 551 was from the east over the C.P.R., brought in over the N.P., and 35 cars via the Great Northern R'y.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, Dec. 20.—Henry Craft, M. P. P., who was sent to Cowichan by the Government to report on the extent of the floods and damage done, returned to Victoria to-day. He says the reports published are not at all exaggerated. Every bridge in the district will have to be rebuilt. The waters are now receding and fear of further damage allayed.

DESTRUCTIVE PRAIRIE FIRES.

It is something unusual to have prairie fires during the month of December as before that time there is generally a sufficient snow on the ground to prevent them. This, the exceptional year in many of the prairie towns is the matter of fact. The Delomine Times gives a lengthy account of a serious fire that was raging to the west of the town last week. Townships 1 and 2 in ranges 27, 28 and 29 are mentioned as having suffered most during its continuance. The loss in buildings, hay, grain and stock has been very large. The Times gives the names of as many as a dozen settlers who suffered serious loss.

Ross & Maitland, 1-2-26, 20 tons of hay.
R. Fanning, 29-1-28, about 12 tons of hay, and about 150 bushels of wheat.
F. McCormack, sen., 2-25, 500 and calf, large number of chickens and turkeys, several hundred bushels of wheat, and some buildings.
W. Brackley lost his crop of wheat and Meridith Bros., 2-28, lost granary, about 17,000 bushels of wheat, and all their hay. One of the Meridith's was in the prairie at the time selling wheat, and did not know of his loss until he got home.

Piner, 2-28, had building and his grain destroyed.
G. Goodfellow, 32-1-28, lost ten tons of hay on 26-2-28.
T. Fanning, on 10-2-28, ten tons of hay.
H. Fraser, 4-2-27, all his hay and stable.
At Mr. Leatham's, who keeps a stopping house on the Antler trail, they had a terrible experience with the fire. A young farmer named Cooper, of Carletonville, in trying to get his team out of the stable was burnt about the face, but saved his team. Mr. J. W. Cairns who had a team of horses in the same stable had them crowded, and Mr. Leatham, who seems particularly unfortunate, having had a valuable team of horses stolen some years ago, lost his hay, some cattle and implements.

A GOOD IDEA.

This week's Commercial has the following to say in regard to finding a method of disposing of the damaged wheat of the country:

It would certainly be a great advantage to Manitoba if the railway companies could arrange to give a low rate for the shipment eastward of wheat only fit for feed. There is quite a quantity of this damaged stuff in the country, and as many farmers have not stock to feed it to, they must sell for some price. In a previous year a low rate was given on damaged wheat, and it is claimed that considerable wheat shipped from Manitoba for "feed purposes" eventually found its way to Ontario flour mills, and no doubt later appeared on the market as choice Manitoba flour. To obviate this difficulty it might be provided that the wheat should be crushed before shipment. At the present price in Manitoba of damaged wheat it could be laid down in Montreal at about \$20 to \$21 per ton and under, which is about the value of shorts in that market. In British Columbia markets ground feed is quoted at \$34 per ton. Though the market is limited in that quarter, yet no doubt quite a number of car lots of our damaged wheat feed might be shipped to the coast at a profit.

MAY BE A ROW.

ROBINIA, Assn., Dec. 21.—A detachment of thirty mounted police left town this afternoon at five o'clock for Piasa reserve, in response to intelligence that a number of Indian runners from across the border had arrived there, and another detachment of thirty left for the same place about nine o'clock to-night. Though the name of Gabriel Dumont has not been mentioned in connection with the present Indian troubles south of the line, a gentleman here probably as well acquainted as any in Canada with the inner life of the Indian population, says that Gabriel is at the bottom of the whole trouble.

MOOSE JAW, Assn., Dec. 21.—The Sioux Indians here and at Wood Mountain are greatly excited over the killing of Sitting Bull and a number of armed Indians have crossed the line. The Measick case appears to have reached them. Chief Black Bull, now at Wood Mountain, says the whites will soon be exterminated and the Indians have control of this country again and that these who have died will appear upon the earth in the form of buffalo.

DON'T MISS IT.

A new and attractive publication containing many useful, interesting and instructive features has just been issued by T. Milburn & Co. of Toronto, under the title of the Burdock Road Hints Almanac for 1891. It is now in the hands of druggists and merchants for free distribution and we would advise our readers to secure a copy before it is exhausted.

FARMER'S INSTITUTE.

A meeting presided over by Mr. Bedford with Mr. R. E. Leach as secretary was held in the City Hall, Saturday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Farmers' Institute, and to discuss the question of "Weeds." In all there were about 75 persons present, the bulk of whom were farmers. Mr. Waugh of the Farmers' Advocate read a long essay on the subject which considered summer fallowing as the best means for the destruction of "the noxious." He considered ploughing when the weeds were in blossom with several subsequent harrowings and several ploughings, if the land was low and heavy, as the best means of exterminating weeds.

Mr. Bedford gave a full experience of the preparation of stink weeds. It grows when other plants have been destroyed by frost. Was considered different treatment of land should be adopted, according to the different elevations of the land the lower requiring more ploughing and harrowing. In clay the stirring must be frequent while harrowing will do on higher soil.

R. E. Leach raised the question of treatment according to the rainfall of the year.
A. Nichol, I. W. Vannessel and Mr. Graham, M. P. P. gave their experience in the matter.
John S. Elder, of Virles experimented in several ways, usually he ploughed two

or three times and harrowed as often and then cropped three years first on the summer follow, next on surface sowing and again on ploughing before summer following again. Mr. Bartlett of the Farmers' Advocate gave his experience. A list of charter members was sent in and the institute is to be organized forthwith. In two weeks more (Saturday) the next meeting is to be held and the discussion will be on the best kind of seed wheat for the country.

ANOTHER MURDER.

GREENA, Man., Dec. 21.—A fatal stabbing affray, the result of a drunken brawl occurred between ten and eleven o'clock last night at the Great Northern Hotel, Neche, N. D. The row was between Michel Dumas, nephew of Michel Dumas, of rebellion fame, and Nicholas Dumas, Dumas only living one hour after being stabbed. The dispute arose between these parties over some old matter that occurred three years ago. After some hot words Dumas struck Dumas with his fist, and upon Dumas retaliating Dumas pulled his knife, and with an upward motion stabbed Dumas in the groin. An artery was severed, and Dumas died in an hour. The parties had been drinking freely. Lynching was talked of, but the murderer was marched off to the county jail at Pembina. A prohibition is in force in North Dakota but notwithstanding this the sale of liquor is carried on openly all over the state. More drunkenness is observed among the residents of Pembina county at present than at any former period in its history.

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TRAGEDIES ON THE COAST

A. Victoria, B. C., special says: Bishop Cridge's Chinese domestic was missing this morning at his regular hour for coming around. An investigation showed that the kitchen was spotted over with blood and victims of another Chinese murder case before the family's eyes. The victim was discovered in a terrible condition of death, having made a desperate attempt at suicide. In his side was a terrible wound, while otherwise he was horribly mutilated. He is not expected to recover.

KLIED BY A ROCK.

The Nelson (B. C.) Miner, says: A somewhat serious accident occurred on Tuesday morning on Monday. It appears that J. M. Fox, one of the owners of the Danby, a saw mill, was working on the saw, and the trail past him and endangered to be killed. In doing so he was killed on the head by one of the mill's rollers, the roller tearing Mr. Fox's right ear almost entirely in halves and cutting off his head.

On Tuesday night no serious accident had happened on the mill, but the Columbia and Kootenay railway, although the rock work required heavy blasting. On Tuesday last a blast was fired which resulted in the death of one of Nelson and Lewis men, Frederick Lewis, a piece of rock weighing 30 lbs. flying a distance of 300 yards, and hitting him in the back as he was trying to get out of the way. Medical aid was called, but the man died ten minutes after his arrival.

MURDER AT PORT ANGELES.

A dispatch from Port Angeles, on the Pacific coast, about 2 o'clock this afternoon, says: A man was murdered by some unknown person.

She was killed, evidently, by an axe, in front of her house, three miles west of this city near Bradshaw's mill.

She was found dead by Frank March and his companion, who went to work on the mill. Mrs. Moss, her husband was killed, and the right ear nearly chopped off. She is about 21 years of age. Her husband went to Washington, B. C., about three weeks ago. She was living alone and conducting a small store.

A man was seen to run across the road with something looking like a gun in his hands. March and his companion heard a shot, which attracted them to the spot. The appearance of the murdered woman was horrible. The murderer evidently tried to carry the dead woman into his house, as he had some tools, and showed marks of bloody hands. The officers and a number of men are securing the woods, trying to find the murderer.

HOW CANADA OUTWITTED BLAINE.

Ottawa, Dec. 15. Hon. Chas. Tupper, minister of marine, who assisted Sir Julian Pauncefote in the Behring sea negotiations in Washington last spring is taking an active part in the contest at North Victoria. In a speech at Nanaimo last night he said the Behring sea matter was one of the important issues before the council. Canada should show that it would not tolerate the hostile legislation of the United States, and as part and parcel of the British empire must insist on the right to navigate the high seas. Mr. Blaine, he said, proposed in the most magnanimous manner that there should be a close season in certain months of the year, and that seals should be taken in the months of December, January, February and March; that the waters should be open to the Canadian sealers in these months as well as to the American sealers. This seemed a very plausible proposition, and the British government was about to accept, but Canada, contrary to what it would not tolerate the hostile legislation of the United States, and as part and parcel of the British empire must insist on the right to navigate the high seas. Mr. Blaine, he said, proposed in the most magnanimous manner that there should be a close season in certain months of the year, and that seals should be taken in the months of December, January, February and March; that the waters should be open to the Canadian sealers in these months as well as to the American sealers. This seemed a very plausible proposition, and the British government was about to accept, but Canada, contrary to what it would not tolerate the hostile legislation of the United States, and as part and parcel of the British empire must insist on the right to navigate the high seas.

ALL FOR TEN CENTS.

Chicago, Dec. 16. Chicago will soon have the largest ten-cent lodging house in the world. The building will be seven stories high, will cost \$80,000, and will be heated by steam and lighted by electricity. It will be built by the proprietors of the Liberty Bell, Chicago's celebrated ten-cent lodging house. The building which will be of stone and pressed brick and fire proof will fill the corner of Hilton and Madison streets. The entire structure will be completed in a few days. Each of the 300 rooms will be 7 by 6 feet, provided with new beds and hot and cold water. The floors will be of tile and the wall-covering of marble. The office and reading room will be on the first floor. Scattered through the seven floors will be twenty bath rooms. Four elevators will carry the guests to their rooms. The basement will contain a laundry. It is expected the building will be ready for occupancy by April.

LOVELACE WAS LOVEABLE.

Killarney, Dec. 15. Constable Lovelace, of the N. W. M. P. Regima, got off on a month's leave. He came to Kings last Thursday, and Friday night eloped with Miss Linn, of Wapoka. Such was made for the crime, with complete success. They are supposed to have skipped across the line. He was stationed at Wapoka last summer and appears to have arranged the elopement by correspondence. Her parents forbade her having anything to do with him, as it is said he has a wife and children in Toronto, and is a bad character. Much sympathy is extended to the parents of the innocent. She will probably be deserted in a short time.

\$40,000 BLAZE IN QUEBEC

Quebec, Dec. 16. A fire broke out at 3 o'clock this morning in the hotel and saw factory belonging to Blouin. The loss is about \$40,000. The building was a three-story brick structure and was the property of the company. It was totally destroyed.

A GREAT FISTIC BATTLE.

New York, Dec. 16. The forthcoming great fistic encounter at New Orleans under the auspices of the Olympic Athletic club, between Bob Fitzsimmons, of New Zealand, and Jack Dempsey, the champion middle weight of America, is exciting interest in sporting circles second only to that created by the Sullivan-Kilrain mill. Big delegations from this city as well as from Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo and eastern points will journey to the Crescent City in the second week of January, according to present plans, to witness what promises to be one of the greatest glove contests of modern times. The articles of agreement provide that the contest shall be to a finish, Marquis of Queensbury rules, and to commence at nine o'clock sharp, on January 14. Five stakes are to be used. The stakes are twelve thousand dollars, of which the winner will receive eleven thousand and the loser a consolation stake of one thousand. Both men will weigh in five minutes before the call of time at the ring. Neither to weigh over or above 154 pounds. Betting has already been inaugurated with the odds in favor of Jack Dempsey.

WILL NOT MEET MITCHELL.

New York, Dec. 16. A London dispatch says that Ted Pritchard has declined to present a proposition of the California Athletic club to meet young Mitchell, of the Pacific slope. Pritchard is already matched against Alf Mitchell, of Cardiff, Wales, and if he is successful in sending his man to the grass, he will have to meet Jack Burke, who has been a provincial challenger for \$2,500 a side. Pritchard says that after he has met Burke, that whether he wins or loses, he will be ready to fight young Mitchell in California for \$2,500 a side.

FIGHTERS PLEASED.

New York, Dec. 16. A dispatch from London says that the spiritual last week on their second trial, of Joe McAdams and Frank P. Slavin, who were arraigned on a minor indictment, charging them with having a glove fight for money, in the Oranoid club, decides the question that it is perfectly legal to contend with gloves for prizes in Great Britain. This question has been at issue for several years, and the decision is a great victory for the pugilistic talent, while it will give boxing and boxing a decided boom. A reception in honor of the two pugilists is being arranged by the Oranoid club. Richard K. Fox's proposition of the expense of defending the fighters in the two trials is said to have been over fifteen thousand dollars.

CANADA'S SEEDS MAN IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 16. The champion young man of the world, Louis Cry, of Quebec, is in this city with a view of finding a man worthy of his steel. It is his first visit to the metropolis, and he is being honored in athletic circles. The Quebecer has the record of having lifted 3,329 pounds of iron from under artificial muscles, which he has lately surpassed his twenty-seventh birthday. He tips the scale at 364 pounds, and stands five feet ten and a half inches in his stocking feet. His chest and dimensions are 58, biceps 21, thigh 31, calf 27, waist 49. He has issued a challenge to the world's champions of the world for any sum from one to ten thousand dollars a side, in the following feats: Holding out the heaviest weight, putting up the heaviest weight with one hand, lifting back weight without harness, and lifting the heaviest barrel with one hand and shouldering it. Cry has put up \$200 as an evidence that his challenge means business.

CHINA IS IN A BAD WAY.

London, Dec. 16. Private advice from Peking state that the Imperial government is in desperate straits for money but refuses to accept the offers of many millions from capitalists who have gone there from all parts of the world to obtain the handling of the Chinese loan. It is said that Li Hung Chang holds Japan up as a horrible example to the Emperor when the latter shows signs of a desire to call upon the westerners for assistance. The Japanese people have steadily declined in comfort and prosperity since the introduction of the so-called reforms, and though a number of prominent men are getting wealthy, the masses are in a lamentable condition. This is due to the machinations of foreign adventurers or not, the Chinese statesmen are inclined to so regard it, and the result in the sister empire is not likely to hasten the day when China's policy of isolation shall be abandoned.

FRANCE IS AFTER CONGO.

London, Dec. 16. Advice from Paris state that the French government is bringing much pressure to bear upon Holland to prevent that country from according to the agreement of the powers permitting the Congo Free State to levy import duties. The time for according will expire at the end of January. The motive of France is to render it impossible for the Congo Free State to meet its expenses and thereby compel the State to sell out to France, which has the first claim to purchase. The British government, on the other hand is resorting to threats, more or less disguised, to compel it to sign the treaty.

THREE DAYS IN A TRANCE.

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 15. Mrs. Woodworth, the well-known trance evangelist, has returned to the scenes of the former triumphs. Her followers have established a church here. The other night Miss Ruth Hughes, aged 17, went into a trance at the Woodworth meeting and has been wholly unconscious for hours at a time, seeming perfectly lifeless. Miss Woodworth has appointed a body guard, with instructions to permit no person to touch her, claiming that "God has placed her there and at His command she will recover." Since 6 o'clock Wednesday night no movement of any kind has been seen on the girl. Her face is badly swollen and many think she will die. She went to the altar from her work, when she was struck down. The girl's father is irate, and says she will never enter his house. Great excitement prevails about the case and force may be used to remove her from the church, where thousands are watching her proceedings.

GENERAL NEWS.

Bombay, Dec. 17. A house in the native quarter of the city collapsed today. It contained at the time of the accident one hundred inmates, thirty of whom were killed and many injured.

Calgary, Dec. 17. At the council meeting the matter of the police difficulty came up, when it was resolved that both constables Dillabough and Barker be dismissed to a distance, Barker a month later. An effort will be made to have Barker retained on the force, his friends claiming that nothing has been proven against him.

Shakopee, Minn., Dec. 17. A dark deed, involving three deaths and a fourth in deep mystery, was discovered this afternoon in Shakopee by neighbors looking through a window and seeing John Spearman, a man 67 years old, sitting in a chair by the kitchen stove, dead. Upon investigation the old man's wife was found dead in a corner of the sitting room, with her skull crushed and the scalp torn from her head. Upstairs in the bedroom a third victim, a lad of twelve years, dead, with his head connected to the pillow by blood. Mrs. Spearman lay in a pool of blood, but nowhere else spatters of blood, no furniture, no furniture or walls, nor could a weapon be found, though a hatchet lay near the kitchen stove, but there were no blood stains upon it. Spearman sat in a chair without coat or vest, with his bare feet exposed, and a shoe beneath and head upon the kitchen stove is a shock to the community. The murder probably occurred last Saturday evening, for the boy, who assisted in serving meals at St. Mary's church, was not there Sunday. The coroner's inquest will be held when Coroner Hirschler returns from Minneapolis, and may throw some light on the case. Some think Spearman murdered his wife and grandson, George Russell, whose mother lives in Minneapolis, and then suicided. Others talk of a triple murder for money, but from appearances that is improbable. Spearman lived in a comfortable story-and-a-half stone house, eight blocks from the center of the town, and men who have known him for thirty-five years deny that he was quarrelsome or abusive to his wife. He was a retired farmer in comfortable circumstances, but very penurious.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

Frederick and Arthur Knight, father and son, were arrested on their farm, in the municipality of Springfield, on Monday evening, on a charge of stealing cattle, preferred by another farmer, Wm. Garbutt, were arraigned before Col. Peebles for preliminary trial this morning. Mr. McLean, of the Attorney-General's department, appeared for the prosecution, while the prisoners were defended by N. F. Hagel, C. C., and Mr. Bonner. Several witnesses were examined, and at its conclusion his worship thought a case had been made out and sent the accused up for trial.

Ottawa, Dec. 16. The claim of Chas. Bremner, the Battleford halfbreed, for losses incurred during the rebellion, will be re-opened shortly by the Government. Before leaving for England, Sir Fred Middleton declared that on no condition would he pay any compensation to Bremner. Stewart Henderson, solicitor for the claimant, has interviewed the Minister of Justice several times during the past weeks. Henderson recently sent to the Governor-in-Council claiming on behalf of his client damages of \$15,750. The claim includes losses of furs, cattle, poultry, farming implements and crops. Henderson proposes to press the right of other claims.

The Woodlands agricultural society officers for 1891 are: J. Hunter, president; W. Dawson, 1st vice-pres.; T. Scott, 2nd vice-pres.; C. Stewart, secretary; G. Nichol, G. Balfour, G. Lipsett, J. Scott, A. Heany, S. Porteous, A. H. Dwyer, committee; F. Robertson, W. Scott, auditors. The date of exhibition for 1891 is Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Mr. Chas. Robertson, of St. Mary's, Ont., went out last night with his son John, who became insane on the train at Regina, twelve days ago. The unfortunate young man has been living at Prince Albert, and was on his way to spend Christmas with his parents at St. Mary's when his mind gave way. He has been a steady drunk, and has a notion that electricity is playing havoc with everything about him. Robertson was confined in the Brandon jail for ten days, and Governor Nason came as far as the city with him yesterday.

Rev. Principal Sparling is meeting with good success in his labors through the province in behalf of the financial interests of Wesley college. He and Rev. Prof. Stewart spent their Sundays in preaching at various points for the benefit of the college. For example, the Principal spent a Sunday recently at Port Arthur, where he had the satisfaction of raising somewhat more than the amount apportioned to the town, and Rev. Prof. Stewart visited last Sunday, the Cypress River circuit, where the people there contributed \$117, the sum they were asked to raise being \$56.

A young Englishman working for a farmer living near Cadiz, had the misfortune to have his feet slightly frost-bitten during one of the late snows. His employer kept him busily at work, with very little time to attend to the injured feet till they became so bad that it was impossible for him. Then the tenderhearted farmer looked up his horses and brought him to town, setting him down at a hotel, among strangers without a cent in his pocket, to be cared for by any good Samaritan who might feel so inclined. Luckily the people of Minneapolis are made of different material to that farmer. Some of them took the matter up, and in a short time sufficient money was collected to forward the patient to the general hospital at Winnipeg on Monday's train.

The promoters of the farmers institute are meeting with encouraging success. It is proposed to hold a meeting for organization in the town hall, Minneapolis, on Saturday, the 25th inst.

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DISSOLUTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned as hardware merchants in the village of Souris in the County of Brandon, under the firm name of J. A. Moore and Joseph Young, has been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to the undersigned, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Joseph Young, to whom the same will be settled.

Witness my hand and seal at Souris in the County of Brandon this 25th day of November A. D. 1891.

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LOCAL NEWS

A merry Christmas to all.

Peace on earth, good will to men.

Mr. W. B. McLellan, late of Winnipeg, has leased the Revere house at Deloraine.

Amongst the many who have left to spend the holidays in Ontario was Ald. G. R. Caldwell.

The Hon. Jas. A. Smart has returned from a visit to his old home in Brockville, Ont.

Mr. J. B. Henderson was elected Mayor of Carberry at the recent municipal elections.

The brethren of Pilot Mound intend organizing an Oddfellows lodge in that town shortly.

Mr. A. R. Irwin, customs broker and insurance agent, is spending his holidays with friends in St. Paul.

Mrs. J. D. Bowley, accompanied by her children, left last week for Alabama where her husband is at present working.

Dr. J. Y. McLachlan, of Toronto, has decided to move to Carberry, Man., for the purpose of practicing his profession.

Mr. E. Hughes left on Tuesday evening to partake of his Christmas turkey and plum pudding with friends in Regina.

The manager of the Bank of British North America has decided to move into the new building until after the holidays.

The Manitoba Dairy Association will hold their annual meeting in Portage la Prairie, on Wednesday, the 15th of January.

At the rally on Saturday evening, William Leybourne was the winner of J. W. Cowan's pony. Mr. Leybourne sold the animal for \$45 on Monday.

The entertainment to be given by the children of the Presbyterian Sabbath school this evening promises to be very entertaining. Don't forget to see it.

Mr. C. O. Roberts returned from Winnipeg, on Saturday, after a few days' stay in that city. To the surprise of his friends he returned without bringing a life partner.

Rapid City Reporter: Married by Rev. Mr. Colter, at the Queen's hotel, Miss Johanna Barnes, formerly of Brandon.

Messrs. Crossley & Hunter, the celebrated evangelists, are said to have added 482 to the church membership of the different denominations during their stay at Portage la Prairie.

Up to the first of the present month there were 2,500 cars of Manitoba wheat inspected at Port Arthur. This 1,664,000 bushels which is but a very small quantity of the twelve millions we were supposed to send out.

In 1871 Winnipeg had but one school house and one teacher. During the present year there has been sixty-one teachers employed and the school houses number thirteen with sixty-one departments.

Mr. Bartle M.P.P. has reported to the Tribune that notwithstanding the fact that last summer in the neighborhood of Brandon it is expected there will be fully 250,000 bushels of No. 2 hard winter wheat in that bag this winter.

F. E. Michaels, Divisional Supt. of the N. P. & M., was in the city Monday evening and expressed himself to a Manitoba representative as well pleased with the patronage extended to the road by the citizens of Brandon.

Mrs. Russell gave a concert on last Thursday evening to her class of boys in the rooms over I. R. Stronach's store. It proved to be a great success, and those who attended hope that it will be repeated in the near future.

We regret to learn that Dr. Anderson, of Waukegan, Ill. is present in the city with an attack of fever. He was so low last Friday night that Dr. Fleming of this city, was telegraphed for and he attended on him all Saturday.

The Free Press has the following to say of one of Brandon's well known artists who appeared before a Winnipeg audience last week for the first time: "Mr. Atcherly has a magnificent bass which he knows how to use as to show its beauty; he was deservedly cheered."

The Winnipeg Free Press Christmas number of twenty-six pages is a credit not only to that office, but to the journalistic profession of the province. The merchants and business men of Winnipeg are certainly under heavy obligations to the enterprising journal for the manner in which they have been written up in this number.

The members of the congregation of the English church have as usual gone to considerable trouble in decorating their place of worship for this festive season of the year. The services in the church today promise to prove to be more than ordinarily interesting. It is to be hoped that the new rector will be greeted by large congregations to-day.

Dr. McInnes, of Edmonton, brother of W. S. McInnes, dentist of this city, made a stay of a day in town last week. The gentleman is on his way to Vienna, Austria, to take a medical course in the renowned college of that city. He will also spend some months in Edinburgh and London in pursuit of further medical knowledge. The Doctor does not expect to return before next fall.

The Bishop of Ruperts Land was in the city on Sunday to induct the Rev. Geo. Rogers, as rector of St. Matthew's church. His Lordship preached both morning and evening to large congregations. In the course of his remarks on the prospects of the parish, his Lordship noted the marked substantial improvement in the city since his visit of twelve months ago.

Mrs. Gilbert, relict of the late Dr. Gilbert of Carberry, has again met with a sad loss in the death of her son George.

A short time ago a car at the Shoal Lake flour mill was broken into and twenty-eight hundred of flour stolen therefrom.

Over two hundred passengers left Winnipeg on Friday evening's excursion train, most of whom were going to Ontario, to spend Christmas.

A number of lady teachers have made their parents and other friends in the city happy by returning to spend their vacation in town.

At the election on Tuesday the 16th in the municipality of Oakdale, the "Local Option By Law" which was submitted to the electors in that municipality was badly defeated.

As an indication of what good working cattle are worth, we may mention that at Wilcock's monthly sale last week, a very fine yoke of four-year-olds brought one hundred and forty dollars each.

Farmers are beginning to turn their attention to sheep raising. Quite a number of those coming in to do business last week were making enquiries as to where some well bred ewes could be obtained.

Reed-master Dunn, of the N. P. & M., was in the city during the week. He has been a resident of Minneapolis, for some years past, but expects now that he has charge of the Brandon-Morris branch, to remove his family here in the spring.

During the threshing season more than one of the threshers from Portage la Prairie gave us to understand that they intended selling out on the much vaunted plains and purchase between here and Virden. This intention it would appear is not confined to the threshers alone, as we met with a Portage Plains man, named Gibb, last week who had just purchased a section of land not far from Miami.

Todd and the Great Northern Railway are in the front with their cheap annual excursions to all points in Ontario and Quebec. Good for three months with privilege of stopping off when and where you like both going and coming. Tickets \$10 for the round trip from Brandon and your choice of route, through St. Paul and Chicago. By using these Excursion tickets, Mr. Todd can give a very cheap rate to the old country. See him before you buy.

Commercial. In Manitoba there has not been much change in the situation, and the general disposition is to hold off, awaiting an improvement in outside markets. The slow state of outside markets, combined with the usual drag about holiday times, will probably tend to keep things quiet until 1891 has been ushered in, after which time there is likely to be a sharp improvement, if the financial situation cases up at all. There was not much done on the Winnipeg exchange during the week. There were a good many more bids than transactions, bids generally being considerably below the views of holders.

The other day a curiosity was exhibited at Wingham in the shape of a large wasp's nest. The nest was found by Mr. James McConnell, of Hullett, and measures 5 ft. in circumference. It is on exhibition at Mr. F. Metcalf's jewelry store. It is peculiarly shaped, almost round, and built on a branch of a bush in a clamber, which runs directly through the centre.

The Matt's shop says he'll "bat his bat-doll" before the inhabitants all left that night before the enterprising jeweller hung it up on his store.

The Winnipeg Tribune. Mr. Noxon, governor of the Brandon jail, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. He came this far with a young man, who had become demoralized and been under care of the jail for two or three months, and whose friends were taking him to his home in Ontario. The unfortunate young man was very ill when first confined, but was very much improved when turned over to his relatives.

A large number of the Matt's readers would like to know if that prisoner's name was Goyette.

One of these events that make one believe that Manitoba is not alone celebrated for the fertility of her soil, happened last week in the municipality of Elton. Mr. John Kyle and his good lady are well known, not only in this district, but in the neighborhood of Seaford, Ont., where they originally resided, as not only an established and respectable couple but as a "well stricken in years." The worthy couple had raised a large family of girls, the youngest of whom must be about nine years old. To make the story short, Manitoba's climate has so well agreed with Mr. and Mrs. Kyle that they are now the happy parents of a son and heir.

There was a keen contest for the Receptship of the municipality of Woodworth, between W. J. Helliwell and Mr. Thos. Frame. The two gentlemen have each occupied the position for some years and each of them have filled the position with credit to himself and the benefit of his constituents. The result of the election on the 16th was that Mr. Frame secured the coveted position. There were also contests in wards 3 and 4 in the same municipality. In the former Mr. Wm. Shaw was elected as councillor while in the latter Mr. Archibald McLean headed the poll.

Markets: Wheat has kept creeping up slowly until on Tuesday it reached 66cts. a bushel for good samples of No. 2. Oats still keep at the old figure of 25cts. a bushel. Barley is a little stiffer, some having ready brought 30cts. a bushel. In the meat line there is no change, a great deal having been brought in by farmers and peddled from house to house at our last quotations. Poultry, particularly turkeys, has been much more plentiful and as in other years just before the holidays prices are not as high as they were two or three weeks ago. Butter is very plentiful and there is no change from our last week's quotations. Eggs are still scarce and housewives who neglected packing in the fall find some inconvenience in obtaining the supply for holiday use.

The employees on the N. P. & M. were made happy on last Monday by the appearance of the pay car it the city. There is nothing like having the cash to buy your Christmas cheer.

It is reported by settlers in the northern part of the municipality of Daly that timber wolves are quite plentiful in that neighborhood. It is only within ten days that a man driving a horse and accompanied by a dog, had to leave the trail on account of meeting a pack of a dozen of the animals.

The October and November numbers of the Western World contain views of Brandon and vicinity with a descriptive article of the rise and growth of the city and county, written by Ald. Wastie. The two numbers will be sent post paid to any address on sending 22c in stamps to Cliffe's Book-store, Brandon. They are very nice to send.

Monday's Free Press says: Ottawa—Mr. Hugh Sutherland left to-night for Winnipeg, via Chicago. Mr. Stewart Tupper has also gone west, but will remain a few days in Toronto. They have had several interviews with members of the government and appear in excellent spirits regarding the prospects of the Hudson Bay road, but still refuse to talk.

The credit sale of farm implements, household effects, etc., to be held at Jas. Cochran's, Sec. 20, 21, 22, Hallett P.O., on next Wednesday, the 30th inst., promises to be one of the best yet held in this district. The horses, cows and young stock are good, while the implements are in first-class condition. As Mr. Cochran intends returning to Ontario the sale is absolutely unreserved.

A number of the young folk started to work out the multiplication question given in last week's issue. It did not take long for them to find out that it was more of a task than they bargained for. They are not the first to get fooled on such questions. In this case a person working ten hours a day and making one figure every minute would have completed work for over twenty-eight years before he had finished.

On Monday night of last week, while some of the lads in Mr. J. S. Loughton's tailoring establishment were working to catch up with the Christmas orders, a lamp was accidentally upset. Cords and other garments were at once utilized to smother the flames, but without effect. Mr. Todd can give a very cheap rate to the old country. See him before you buy.

Our Eastern friends can have no conception of the exceptionally fine weather that we in Manitoba have been enjoying for the past six or seven weeks. It really would seem as if the clerk of the weather had taken pity upon us for the wet spell we had during harvest. During the past week there was serious talk of having the watering carts put on the streets as the dust was flying just as bad as it did during the summer. The pessimist may shake his head and say "We will suffer for it later on," but the people go on enjoying it just the same. Just think of it, here we are at Christmas and yet the air is as balmy as it would be in the month of April, the sun as bright, no snow and some of the citizens have discarded their fur overcoats. A great, great country is this Manitoba of ours.

The Winnipeg Tribune, like its cotan, the Free Press, has issued a Christmas number. Unlike the Free Press, however, the Tribune does not devote the greater part of its pages to Winnipeg. Outside towns and cities, come in for a fair share of the "writing up" in the issue. Brandon is given a two-column notice by the pen of Mr. A. T. Lowe. The article is well written and will help to spread Brandon's fame amongst the readers of that paper. We would like to know, however, what the people of Brandon have done to the publishers of the Tribune or their engravers that either of them should have sent out to its readers such a horrible caricature on their chief magistrate, Mayor Kelly. We would warn our readers who are not acquainted with our worthy mayor, against taking this as having a fair, or even the remotest resemblance to Mr. Kelly. His nearest or best friend cannot find a single trace of the features of that gentleman in the caricature presented in the Tribune and labelled "Mayor Kelly, of Brandon." It is an insult to the electorate to try and pawn off this miserable affair as the likeness of the man who has been on two occasions their choice as mayor.

Morden Monitor: "Just to show that drunken men know what they are about, even when supposed to be objects of pity, was exemplified the other evening. A farmer came in from the neighborhood of Carman, and having got on a respectable load of old rye, he proceeded to give the circuit of the town in that happy and rollicking style which betokens that he did not care a gad for the biggest non living. By his gait it was apparent that his legs were more drunk than any other part of his anatomy, and he rolled about the sidewalk in a glorious style, daring any one to tread on his corns. However, he overdid the part just a little bit, and in his acting he tumbled bang through one of the large panes of glass in Mr. J. Beaman's store. The smash of the glass acted like an electric shock. He suddenly became sober and his legs all at once became extremely useful. He started off at a run for the stable where his team was put up, and manifested such haste to hitch them up and get away that anyone would have supposed that he had rubbed nothing stronger than water. However, just as he was about lashing his horses away north, Mr. Heiman and Constable Atkins appeared on the scene, and, wonderful to relate, the man again appeared quite drunk. He was given a night in the municipal goal to sober up. Next morning the magistrate fined him \$3 and costs, which together with the pain of glass, made rather an expensive toot for the farmer."

Mr. Geo. Elliott, merchant of Hamilton, was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Gurn, of Calgary, who has been visiting in the city, left for home to-day.

Mr. Thos. Todd, clerk of the municipalality of Woodworth, was in the city on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Talbutt, of this city, are spending the holidays with friends near Souris.

Mr. Jas. Grierson, of Alexander, intends sending in three of his children to attend the McKee Academy immediately after vacation.

The proprietors and salesmen in the various stores have during the past few days, been putting in their best endeavors to make their respective show windows as attractive as possible. The result is that few of the grown-up people, much less the juvenile part, that crowd the street have been able to pass many of these decorated windows without taking a long "peep" in them.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. O. V. S. Fraser, who has been a resident of this city for a few years past, were shocked on learning that Ald. Edgar had received a cablegram announcing the death of that young gentleman. The death was very sudden and occurred at Edinburgh, Scotland. Mr. Fraser, during his residence here, had become possessed of considerable real estate in the district. He was a partner of Mr. Edgar in the grain business.

There is great excitement among the medical men of Calgary. The six doctors of that town formed an association, one of the rules of which was that they would not accept anything less than \$5 for any benefit or insurance company for a certificate of health. This provision Dr. Henry George afterwards broke, whereupon the other five doctors met together, expelled Dr. George from membership and decided that no member of the association would give any assistance in his professional work.

Our butchers have not put on as much style in the way of dressing up their shops as they have at previous Christmas times. No one, however, who visits any of these shops but what must be struck with astonishment at the grand display of choice meat and poultry that each has on hand. For any of the carcasses of neat cattle that are hanging in the shambles of the butchers have received any other feed than that they have got from roaming the prairies, and yet in point of excellence the meat will compare favorably with the stall-fed beef of Ontario. No one who is not the "seller" in his pocket need go without, in this city, the proverbial roast beef and plum pudding for his Christmas dinner.

Free Press: "Major Morris, of the Salvation Army, attended the services in Grace church, last evening. At the request of the pastor he addressed the prayer meeting held after the public service. He spoke in a very earnest and telling manner, gave expression to liberal and fraternal sentiments, made a favorable impression upon those present, and was kindly greeted by many of the members of the church. Mr. Allen, re-dedicated the nation's prayers and good wishes, bearing hearty testimony to the good works of the Salvation Army, particularly in the establishment and maintenance of rescue homes, and in extending a helping hand to prisoners when discharged after serving out their sentences."

The concerts on Monday and Tuesday evenings, at St. Joseph's Convent proved as usual, to be grand successes. The playing and singing of the pupils of the good sisters of the convent were the principal events of the evening. What ever also can be said about the curriculum of the school, under the supervision of the Mother Superior and her assistants, there can be but one verdict about their music teaching and that is, it is of the very best kind. To see three or four little dots ranging in age from six to eight years, sit down together at a piano and play some of the difficult pieces, that were rendered during the evenings of the concert, was proof positive that considerable pains must have been taken with their tuition. The older pupils taking part in the entertainment showed to much better advantage in the pieces that were assigned to them. The sympathy of the audience was, however, with the juvenets taking part in the instrumental and vocal parts. The training of the voices of the youthful singers as shown in solos, duets, trios and in full chorus, reflects the highest credit on their teachers. Few who attended these entertainments, but what will if spared their lives, make an effort to be present at the next one given.

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